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For: ION CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING AN ION EXCHANGER IN
A SUPPRESSOR AND A SUPPRESSOR MEANS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in this application.

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, Applicants elect *without traverse* the invention of Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to an ion chromatography system.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be examined on the merits at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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